

A1 4. (Amended) A fastening system according to claim 1 characterised in that the retaining surfaces (4g, 5g, 33, 34) of the hook projections (4f, 5f, 28, 29) engage behind each other in such a way that complementary hook projections (4f, 5f, 28, 29) can be hooked one into the other only by elastic deformation.

A2 Sub B3 6. (Amended) A fastening system according to claim 1 characterised in that at least one of the ends (30, 35) of a hook element (24, 25) of a panel (22, 23) has at its free end a projecting detent element (31, 36) which in the assembled condition engages into an undercut recess (32, 37) of the hook element (24, 25) of the other panel (22, 23).

A3 Sub B3 8. (Amended) A fastening system according to claim 3 characterised in that the intermediate spaces provided with clearance in the assembled condition of two panels (3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 23, 40, 41) form adhesive pockets.

9. A fastening system according to claim 1 characterised in that the retaining profiles (4a, 4b, 5b, 20, 21) of the long narrow sides are in the form of complementary positively engaging profiles (42, 43), wherein the positively engaging profile (42) of one panel (40) forms a common hinge (G) with the complementary positively engaging profile (43) of a second panel (41) in the laid condition and the hinge (G) is to be assembled by a rotary joining movement of the panels (40, 41).

A4 Sub B3 14. A fastening system according to claim 12 characterised in that the lower wall (53) of the opening (52) of a panel (41), which is towards the base (U), has on its inside an inclined removal of material (56) which extends to the free end of the lower wall (53) and the wall thickness of said wall (53) is increasingly thinner towards the free end, wherein a free